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A Note From Pastor Andrew

Recently we have started a seven-week series in River of Hope. The seven, "I AM" statements of Jesus from the gospel of John. When I chose this series my thought was, "we are familiar with these sayings, but let's revisit them and see what it builds to." However, as I have put together the last three a question keeps reoccurring to me, what does it look and feel like to give fully "it" over to God. What is it to live into the fact there are things we cannot control in life and we are called to have faith, be it in God or each other, that the future, the unknown, resides in as much light as the present, or for that matter the past. Jesus says, "I am the light, I am the light of the world." What a glorious promise, yet at the same time a frightening prospect, because the reality of it is, then we are exposed. If not to the world, then to God. Yet, God's grace is bigger than our fear. God's peace overcomes all that comes our way. God's love and care, we find, is immeasurable.

We live as imperfect beings, yet in God's eyes, we are perfect. How can we make such a claim? Simple, Jesus Christ. I wonder what occurs to you when you read this fact. Do you believe it? Further, do we realize that our imperfection makes us the perfect disciples of Christ, because we know what others may be going through. We know what others may be struggling with in secret or in the public eye. The world, the Church at large in fact, seems to believe this disqualifies us from being able to live and find acceptance in our faith, when it is the complete opposite. God calls the lowly. God calls the broken. God calls the sinner, all of them. Let me write that again, ALL OF THEM!!!

Therefore, set aside earthly things and realize heavenly things.

Pastor Andrew

Announcements

River of Hope

River of Hope worship is every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School

We will have Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. for all youth. Please join us!!!

Church Council

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, May 15, 2015 at 11:45 a.m. (or immediately following adult Bible Study). We meet the third Sunday of every month. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Pancake Breakfast

Join us the first Sunday of every month for a free breakfast. Our next breakfast is this Sunday, June 5 at 8:45 a.m.! This is a free meal provided by CTK Fellowship team. Everyone is welcome.

CTK Council

Terri Forthoffer-President, Scott DeWitt-Vice President, Jean Pezzell-Treasurer, Sue Halamka*-Financial Secretary, Sue Halamka*-Recording Secretary, Gail Carlson, Cindy Goerke, Steve Halamka, Sue Gregory-Herfert, Gary Herfert, Robin Mitchell, Dan Smith, Pastor Andrew (*Not on Church Council)

Water Bottle Collection for Flint

Car magnets are now available to order. The cost is \$12 each. Please see Scott to order. CTK will now be collection water bottles for the people of Flint. Please bring purchased water bottles to CTK. We will take the water bottles to Salem Lutheran church for distribution. Any questions see Scott DeWitt.

We currently have 10 drop-off locations around the area:

1. Metamora Shell & Tubby's - 3839 S. Lapeer Rd. Metamora
2. Pine Knob Mobile - 3492 S. Lapeer Rd. Metamora
3. Sunoco -1489 Lapeer Rd. Lapeer. Just north of the Hospital
4. Westside Market -2990 w. Genesee St. Lapeer
5. The Country Market - 2236 Imlay City Rd. Lapeer
6. Hadley Corner Store - 3500 S Hadley Rd. Hadley
7. H B's Country Market - 550 S Elba Rd. Lapeer
8. Country Side Stop In - 3892 Bronson Lake Rd. Lapeer
9. Sawdust Corners Marathon - 3528 N Lapeer Rd. Lapeer
10. Christ The King Lutheran Church-911 Baldwin Rd. Lapeer

New Project for May

Each month CTK will be collecting a specific item for an organization in Lapeer. For the month of May we will be collecting feminine products for the Personal Needs Pantry at Trinity Methodist Church. Please bring items to CTK. Thank you!

Baby Bottles

It is that time again, grab a baby bottle on your way out of church and fill it with your loose change. All money goes to the Lapeer Pregnancy Center. Thank you!

Prayer Time

Every Wednesday from 11:30 –12:30 Pastor Andrew opens the sanctuary for a time of prayer. All are welcome to stop by anytime in-between and take as long as needed to find a place to re-center with God. The current format uses meditative music and a closing communal prayer. However, the time is flexible and open to nurture the needs of God's people (format can change). If possible stop by and take time for God in the middle of your week. You won't be sorry.

Tigers Game with Grace Episcopal Church

Grace Episcopal is getting a bus for the Tigers game on Friday, June 24. Call Harold Snider at 810-441-5589 to make your reservation or for more details. Cost is \$70 per person.

Loons Game

Mark your calendars for August 14- we will go to the Loons game in Midland. Cost is \$9 per person, kids 12 and under get free hotdog, chips and drink, we will carpool from CTK. Game starts at 2 pm. Please sign up on bulletin board ASAP so we know how many tickets to reserve.

Mexican Potluck

Please join us on Saturday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m. for our annual Mexican potluck. Invite family and friends. Please bring a dish to share.

CTK Teams

All our Team meetings are open to everyone. Please stop in and see what we are doing.

Marketing & Publicity/ Outreach Team

Marketing & Publicity Team and Outreach Team will meet together, our next meeting is June 2 at 7:15 p.m. We meet the first Thursday of every month.

Fellowship Team

Next meeting is on June 12 at 9:30 a.m. We meet the second Sunday of every month

Worship Team

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 26 at 5:45 p.m. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month.

CTK Small Groups

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study will meet at Linda Hash's house on May 16 at 1:00 pm.

Sowing Threads of Fellowship

We are back. We will meet on the first Monday of each month at 1:00pm (note time change). Our next meeting is Monday, June 6.

Women's Group

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at CTK. We share a meal together, share stories and laughter. Come and join us! Anyone is welcome, if you have never been before, come and see what is happening!! Our next meeting is June 14, please bring a dish to share!

Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 12

6:30 pm River of Hope

Friday and Saturday, May 13-14

Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly

Sunday, May 15

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship

11:00 am Bible Study

11:45 am Church Council

Monday, May 16

1:00 pm Women's Bible Study*

Wednesday, May 18

11:30 am-12:30 pm Prayer Time

Thursday, May 19

6:30 pm River of Hope

Saturday, May 21

5:30 pm Mexican Potluck

Sunday, May 22

10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship
11:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday, May 25

11:30 am-12:30 pm Prayer Time

Thursday, May 26

5:45 pm Worship Team meeting
6:30 pm River of Hope